

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Owen B. & Suzanna Frazee Barn Survey Number: G-IV-A-241

Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project Agency: MSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ No ☐ Yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

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Research has not identified any associations with the lives of persons significant to the Oakland area's past or with events that have contributed significantly to broad patterns of the area's historical development. The architecture does not represent a particularly distinctive type, period, or method of construction, nor does it represent the work of a master, possess high artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction. This resource has not yet yielded and is not likely to yield significant information important in history or prehistory.

Document on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

Prepared by: Gabrielle M. Lanier/KCI Technologies, Inc.


Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

5/1/98
Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable


Reviewer, NR program

Date

Frazee Barn
G-IV-A-241
Opposite 1141 Memorial Drive
Oakland vicinity
Circa 1900
Private

This is a one-story, gable-fronted, bow-roofed barn with pronounced kicked eaves on either side. Built on a stone foundation, the barn is clad in wooden drop siding and vertical wooden boards and topped with a corrugated metal bow roof. A two-over-two double-hung wooden sash window with wooden trim lights the front gable, and a single long horizontal tripartite fixed-sash window pierces the rear gable. Both front and rear entrances are embanked and contain double swinging vertical board doors with wooden trim. This building once served as the granary for a large dairying operation but is now used for storage. It faces southeast and is located on an open section of land about one mile northeast of Oakland.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Owen B. And Suzanna Frazee Barn

2. Location

street & number Opposite 1141 Memorial Drive _____ not for publication

city, town Oakland X vicinity

county Garrett

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Owen B. And Suzanna Frazee

street & number 1141 Memorial Drive telephone

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 78-10-169

city, town Oakland liber and folio 243/278

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>1</u> <u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> objects
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		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<u>X</u> other:storage	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the inventory
			<u>0</u>

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This is a one-story, gable-fronted, bow-roofed barn with pronounced kicked eaves on either side. Each of these eaves covers a narrow, full-length, one-story extension. The barn faces southeast and is located on an open section of land about one mile northeast of Oakland.

Built on an undressed and roughly coursed stone foundation, the barn is clad in a combination of brown wooden drop siding and vertical wooden boards finished with flat wooden corner boards. It is topped with a rusty brown corrugated metal bow roof finished with wooden eaves and exposed rafter feet. A small shed-roofed metal roof extension shelters a standard-sized entrance projecting from the rear of the southwest elevation.

A single two-over-two double-hung wooden sash window finished with wooden surrounds lights the front or northwest gable. The rear or southeast gable is lit with a single long horizontal tripartite fixed-sash window placed near the top of the gable. The front entrance is centered on the northwest gable and contains double outward-swinging vertical board doors finished with flat wooden surrounds. The rear entrance, located on the opposite gable, is fitted with a similar set of double doors. A standard-sized entrance on the southwestern elevation contains a paneled wooden door with flat wooden surrounds.

A stone embankment leads up to the front entrance. A similarly-sized wood plank and gravel ramp leads to the double doors on the rear gable. A large partially-embanked pond is located south of the barn. Although no additional buildings stand on the property, two former dairy barns once stood just to the northeast of the barn, and a third dairy barn once stood immediately to the southwest. The building that remains was once used as the granary for this large dairying operation, but is now used for storage; it remains in good condition.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates Circa 1900

Builder/Architect Unknown

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance. A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme(s): Agriculture

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Granary for large dairy farm

Known Design Source: None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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(See Continuation Sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 98.35 acres

Acreage surveyed 98.35 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WV

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 169, Map 78, Grid 10

11. Form Prepared By

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street & number	10 North Park Drive	telephone	410-316-7857
city or town	Hunt Valley	state and zip code	MD 21030-1888

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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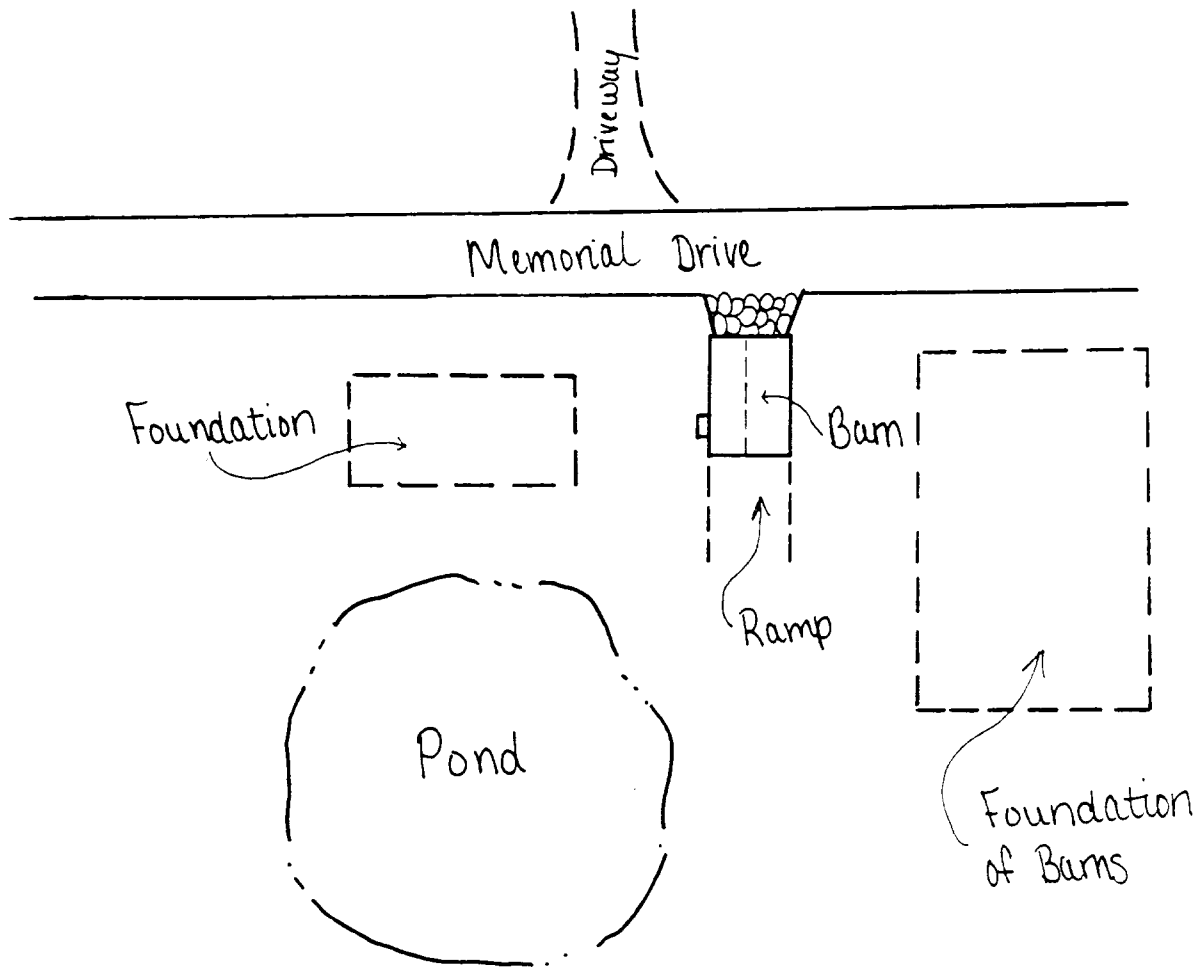
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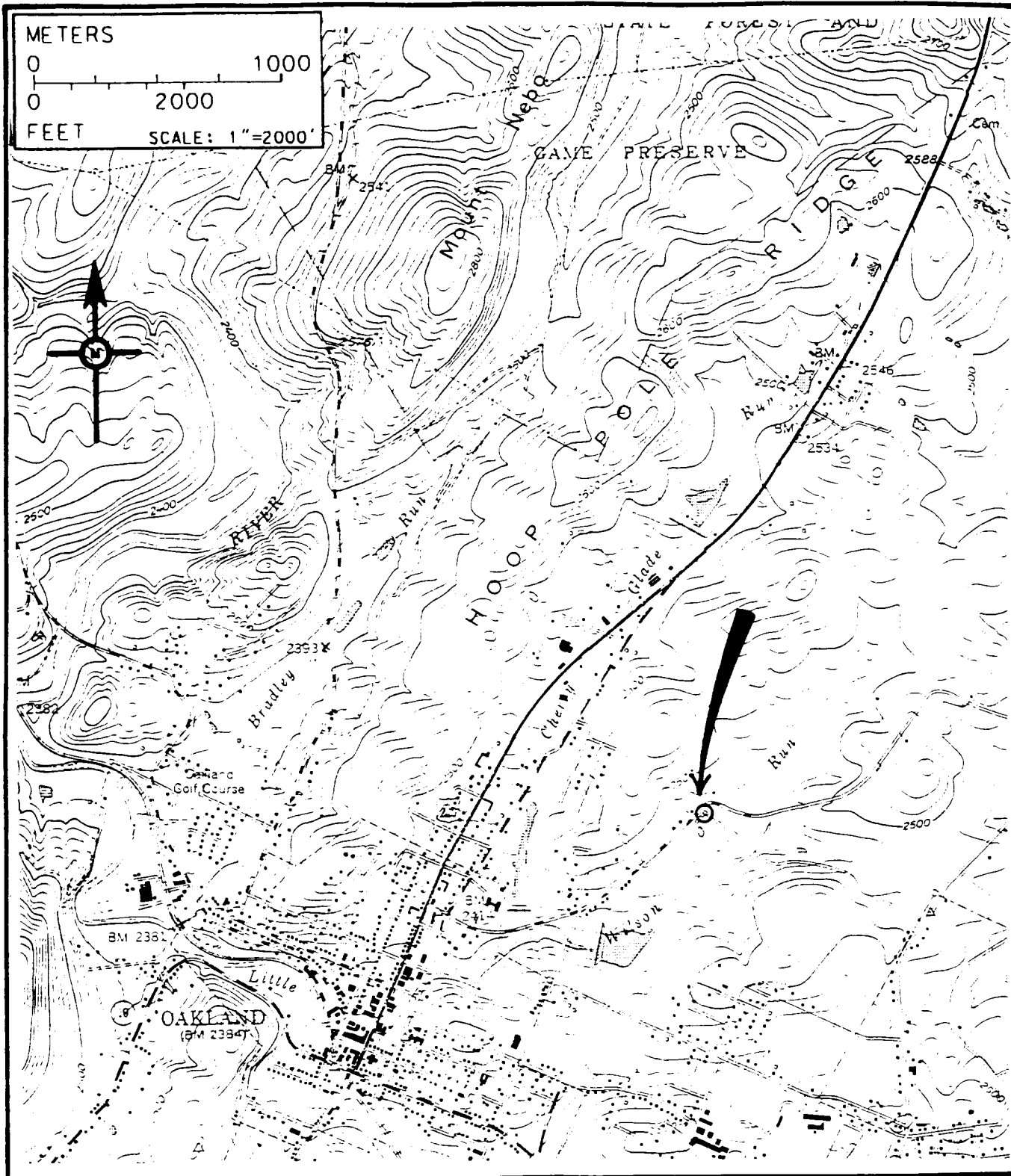


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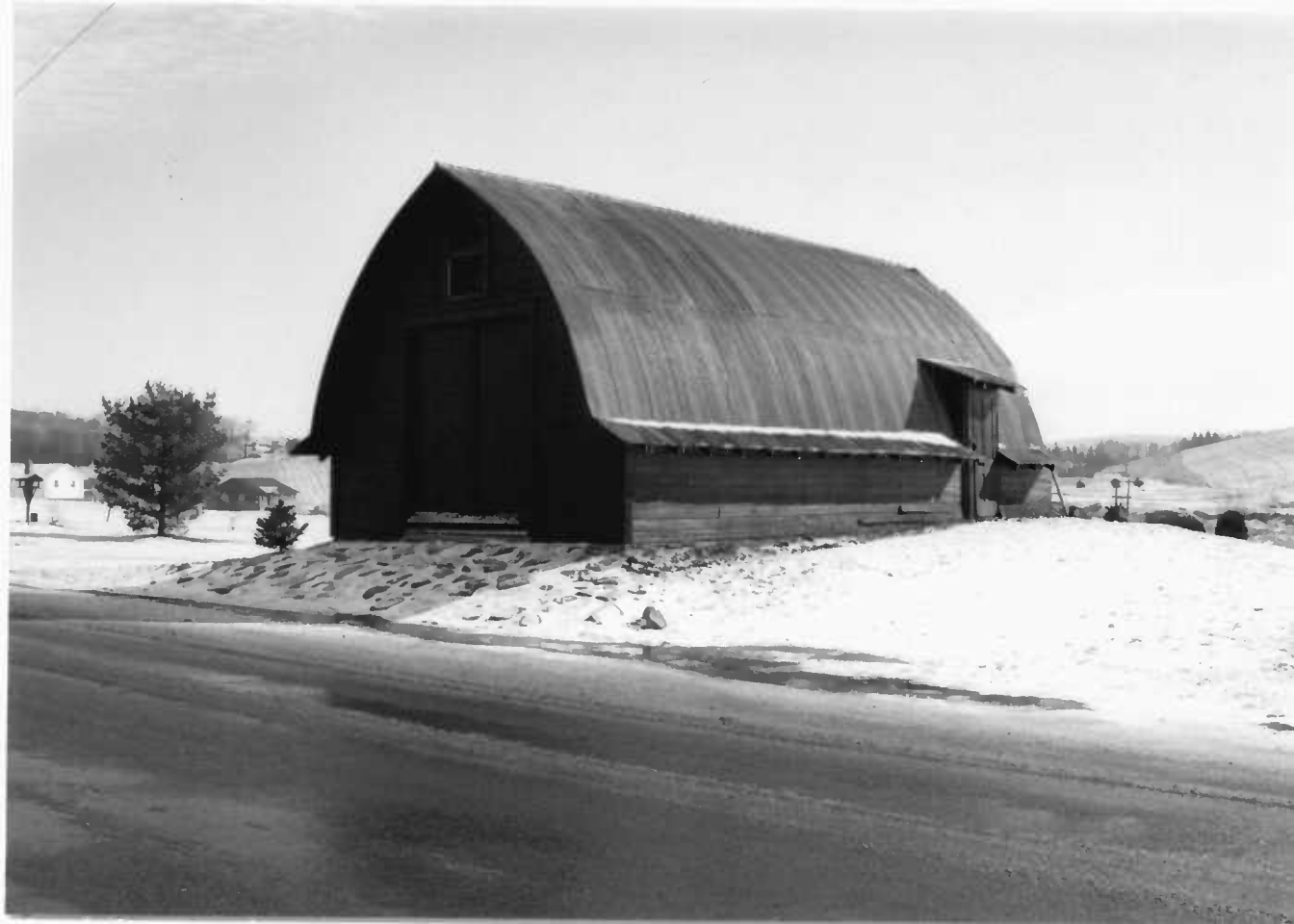
Resource Sketch Map

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Owen B. & Suzanna Frazee Barn
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County



Location Map

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Owen B. & Suzanna Frazee Barn
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County
Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)



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